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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 25, 2005 please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Applicant respectfully believes that the claims as presented in Applicant's reply to the first Office Action filed 12/14/2004, and hereby incorporated into the present Amendment, are valid in that Applicant strongly believes that Examiner's rejections are not valid (arguments presented below).

If Examiner accepts Applicant's arguments, would Examiner please accept the claims as presented in the Office Action filed 12/14/2004 instead of the claims presented below. In the case that Examiner does not accept Applicant's arguments, Applicant has hereby complied with all of Examiner's comments and has amended the claims accordingly.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on Page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 18 of this paper.